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Signature Verification Complete for Capistrano Unified School District Board Recall Petition

Santa Ana, CA – Today the Orange County Registrar of Voters certified as insufficient the seven petitions to recall each of Capistrano Unified School District's board members. The petitions did not meet the number of qualified signatures needed to place a recall on the ballot.

Proponents of the CUSD board recall submitted the petitions to the Registrar of Voters on November 8, 2005. As per the California Elections Code, the Registrar of Voters reviewed the petitions within 30 days excluding weekends and holidays. Ten percent, or 20,421 registered voters' signatures were required for each petition to qualify a recall for the ballot. Qualified signatures consisted of registered voters within the CUSD jurisdiction.

The Registrar of Voters first completed verification of a statistical sampling of 5 percent of signatures on each petition as is allowed for by Elections Code Section 11225. For samples showing the number of signatures to be 90 to 110 percent valid, the Registrar of Voters then examined 100% of the signatures on the petition. Samples showing the number of valid signatures as less than 90 percent of the number of signatures required were certified as insufficient and did not require a review of 100% of the signatures.

The school district will be charged \$3.40 per signature reviewed. The Registrar of Voters reviewed 153,471 signatures during the certification process.

The following table shows the results of the signature verification for each petition filed.

Board Member	Number of Signatures Submitted	Number of Valid Signatures Needed to Qualify	Number of Signatures Examined	Number of Signatures Found Invalid	Number of Signatures Found Valid
Marlene M. Draper	25,355	20,421	25,355	8,650	16,705
John J. Casabianca	25,493	20,421	25,493	7,623	17,870
Mike Darnold	25,336	20,421	25,336	9,336	16,000
Sheila J. Benecke	25,358	20,421	25,358	7,965	17,393
Sheilia J. Henness	25,349	20,421	25,349	9,394	15,955
Dr. Duane E. Stiff	25,312	20,421	25,312	8,985	16,327

Board Member	Number of Signatures Submitted	Number of Valid Signatures Needed to Qualify	Number of Signatures Examined	Number of Signatures Verified
Crystal Kochendorfer	25,352	20,421	1,268*	1,268*

* Based on 5% random sampling, results did not justify a 100% signature review.

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